

General or Urban Allocation for Charter

Additional fire
Additional police
Airports
Alcohol supervision
Ambulance service
Agricultural agent
Child care
Code enforcement
Code management/building/electric/plumbing/housing
Community Development and Redevelopment
Commercial Vehicle regulation
Courts
Economic Development
Electricity
Emergency/ 911
Environment
Fire protection
Garbage and refuse collection
Libraries
General administration
Health and general welfare
Hospitals
Jails
Planning
Police Protection
Property Assessment
Public Assembly Facilities
Public Transportation
Rail
Sanitary sewers
Storm sewers
Street lighting
Street cleaning
Recreation and Parks
Streets and Highways
Traffic Engineering
Water

JACKSONVILLE CHARTER:

Section 2.01. Services districts and their territories.

The territory of the consolidated government is divided into a general services district and five urban services districts. The general services district consists of the total territory within Duval County. The first urban services district initially consists of the territory which immediately prior to the effective date of the original charter of the consolidated government of the City of Jacksonville [October 1, 1968] was included in the corporate limits of the former City of Jacksonville. The second urban services district initially consists of the territory of the City of Jacksonville Beach. The third urban services district initially consists of the territory of the City of Atlantic Beach. The fourth urban services district initially consists of the territory of the City of Neptune Beach. The fifth urban services district initially consists of the territory of the Town of Baldwin.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 67-1535; Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-536, § 2; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

Section 2.04. Services in general services district.

Throughout the entire general services district the consolidated government shall furnish the following governmental services; airports, agricultural agent, child care, courts, electricity, fire protection, health, hospitals, library, police protection, recreation and parks, schools, streets and highways, traffic engineering, and welfare services. The foregoing enumeration is intended as a list of those governmental services which shall be performed by the consolidated government within the general services district (except when any of such services is being performed by the second, third, fourth, or fifth urban services district) and is not intended to limit the right of the consolidated government to perform other governmental services within the general services district. In the second, third, fourth, and fifth urban services districts, the consolidated government shall provide only those governmental services that are normally provided by counties to municipalities and are normally considered to be county public functions.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 67-1535; Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-536, § 2; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

Section 2.05. Additional services in first urban services district.

In addition to the services provided to the general services district, the consolidated government shall furnish the following additional services within the first urban services district: water supply, sanitary sewers, street lighting, street cleaning, and garbage and refuse collection. The foregoing enumeration is intended as a list of those governmental services which shall be performed by the consolidated government within the first urban services district and is not intended to limit the right of the consolidated government to perform other governmental services within the first urban services district.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 67-1535; Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-536, § 2; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

URBAN AND GENERAL CHARTER PROVISIONS:

NASHVILLE CHARTER:

Sec. 1.03. Two services districts and their areas.

The metropolitan government shall, within the geographical limits thereof, comprise two (2) service districts, to wit: A general services district and an urban services district, as to both of which districts the metropolitan government shall have jurisdiction and authority. The general services district shall consist of the total area of the metropolitan government, the same being the total area of Davidson County as fixed and established upon the effective date of this Charter.² The urban services district shall consist originally of the total area of the City of Nashville at the time of the filing of this Charter with the county commissioners of election, which area is more specifically described and set forth in Appendix One hereto.

2. April 1, 1963.

Sec. 1.05. Functions within general services district and urban services district.

The metropolitan government may exercise within its general services district those powers and functions which have heretofore been exercised by the County of Davidson or the City of Nashville, or both, and shall supply the residents of said general services district with those governmental services which are now, or hereafter may be, customarily furnished by a county government in a metropolitan area.

The metropolitan government may exercise within its urban services district those powers and functions which have heretofore been exercised by the City of Nashville or the County of Davidson, and shall supply the residents of said urban services district with those kinds of governmental services which are now, or hereafter may be, customarily furnished by a city government in a metropolitan area.

The functions of the metropolitan government to be performed, and the governmental services to be rendered throughout the entire general services district shall include: general administration, police; courts, jails; assessment; health; welfare; hospitals; housing for the aged; streets and roads; traffic; schools; parks and recreation; library; auditorium, fairgrounds; airport; public housing; urban redevelopment; urban renewal; planning; electrical code; building code; plumbing code; housing code; electricity; transit; refuse disposal; beer supervision; and taxicab regulation.

The additional functions of the metropolitan government to be performed and the additional governmental services to be rendered within the urban services district shall include: additional police protection; fire protection; water; sanitary sewers; storm sewers; street lighting; street cleaning; refuse collections and wine and whiskey supervision.

Nothing in the foregoing enumeration and assignment of functions shall be construed to require the continued maintenance or furnishing of any governmental service which the council by ordinance has determined to be obsolete and unnecessary.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit the power of the metropolitan government to exercise other governmental functions in either the urban services district or the general services district, or to provide new and additional governmental services in either the urban services district or the general services district.

KNOX COUNTY CHARTER

F. Property tax levies.

Concurrent with the adoption of the operating budget and capital improvements plan for each fiscal year:

1. The Commission shall levy by resolution a general services area tax on all real and personal property within the general services tax district as provided by this Charter. The tax rate set by such resolution shall be such that a reasonable estimate of cash revenues from such levy shall be at least sufficient, together with other anticipated revenues, fund balances and applicable reserves, to equal the total amount appropriated for each of the several funds set forth in the annual operating budget for defraying the expenses of the general services area for services to be rendered throughout the entire area of the Unified Government. Such services shall include those functions set forth in Section 8.02(A)(3) and Section 8.02(A)(4) of this Charter, and such other purposes, functions and services as may be authorized by the laws of Tennessee, by this Charter or by resolution of the Commission.
2. The Commission shall levy by resolution an urban services area tax on all real and personal property within the urban services tax district as authorized by this Charter. The tax rate set by such resolution shall be such that a reasonable estimate of cash revenues from such levy shall be at least sufficient, together with other anticipated revenues, fund balances and applicable reserves, to equal the total amount appropriated for each of the several funds set forth in the annual operating budget for defraying the expenses of the additional services to be rendered in the urban services area, in comparison to the general services area. The urban services area tax rate shall be recommended to the Commission by the Urban Services Area Tax Rate Committee as provided in Article II of this Charter.
3. The Commission shall levy by resolution a special services area tax on all real and personal property within the special services tax district as authorized by this Charter. The tax rates set by such resolution for each district shall be such that a reasonable estimate of cash revenues from such levy shall be at least sufficient, together with other anticipated revenues, fund balances and applicable reserves, to equal the total amount appropriated for each of the several funds set forth in the annual operating budget for defraying the expenses of the additional services to be rendered in a special services area, in comparison to the general services area.
4. If the budget is adopted, as provided in paragraph (E)(2) of this Section, as a result of the Commission's failure to affirmatively adopt, then the tax as described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) above shall be conclusively presumed to have been levied.

Section 8.02 Financing of Services.

A. General and urban services areas.

1. In the Unified Government, there shall be:
 - a. A general services area which shall consist of the total area of Knox County as fixed and established upon the effective date of this Charter or as hereafter modified according to law;
 - b. An urban services area which shall consist of the area embraced within the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville as the same exist upon the day immediately preceding the effective date of this Charter or as such areas may be hereafter expanded as herein provided; and
 - c. Such special services areas as the Commission may thereafter establish. Special services areas shall be tax districts wherein taxes and other assessments shall be assessed, levied and collected by the Unified Government in accordance with the kind, character, type and degree of services actually provided therein, which taxes and other assessments may vary in any one services area from those of another or other areas in accordance with the provisions of this Charter. The powers, authority, duties, liabilities, services, and functions of the Unified Government, may vary in any special services area from that in another or other special services areas.
2. All other tax districts existing in the City of Knoxville or Knox County immediately prior to the effective date of this Charter are continued in effect by this Charter.
3. The Unified Government is hereby empowered to exercise and provide within the general services area, and within any urban services area, and within any special services area established by this Charter or by ordinance of the Commission those powers, functions and services which have theretofore been exercised and provided by or which were exercisable by Knox County or the City of Knoxville, or both; all powers, functions and services authorized by this Charter, and any amendments thereto; and all powers, functions and services which counties and municipal corporations, or both, are now or hereafter authorized to exercise under the Constitution and laws of Tennessee.
4. The Unified Government is hereby empowered to perform within its urban services areas those additional, comprehensive and intensive, and higher levels of government duties, functions and services which benefit primarily the residents of such urban services areas.

B. Creation of services areas by ordinance.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, services areas of the Unified Government shall be created, expanded, merged, unified or reduced only by ordinance duly adopted by the Commission under such general rules, procedures, regulations, requirements and specifications as are established by the Commission and this Charter. Such rules and regulations shall set forth the manner and method for the creation of new services areas and the expansion, unification, reduction or merger of existing services areas; set forth requirements for defining functions and policies for rendering services, for changing levels of services within existing services areas and for transferring territory from one (1) services area to another; and set forth requirements for defining boundaries of services areas. If taxes are levied and collected within a tax district based upon the furnishing of a particular service and that service is not furnished generally throughout the tax district within eighteen (18) months of the effective date of the tax levy, taxes collected with respect to the service not timely furnished shall be refunded.

C. Requirements for defining boundaries.

Whenever in this subsection it is required that the boundaries of a services area be set out, it shall suffice if the boundaries are described in such a way as to convey an intelligent understanding of the location of the land. In the discretion of the Commission, the boundaries may be described: (1) by reference to a map; (2) by metes and bounds; (3) by general description referring to roads or natural boundaries or to the boundaries of particular tracts or parcels of land; or (4) by any combination of the above methods.

D. Notice of hearing prior to adoption of ordinance.

Before it adopts any ordinance authorized or described in Section 8.02(A) through 8.02(C) of this Charter, the Commission shall give notice of its intention to consider the ordinance and shall provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard.